

2.0 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC REVIEW PROCESS

2.1 SCOPING AND EIR PREPARATION

The process under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Chevron El Segundo Marine Terminal Lease Renewal Project (Project) began with publication of a Notice of Preparation by the California State Lands Commission (CSLC), mailed on March 22, 2006. This was followed by a public and agency Scoping Meeting in the city of El Segundo, California, on April 15, 2006. Written and verbal comments on the EIR scope and content were incorporated into a Draft EIR that was released for agency and public review on August 13, 2010. This Draft EIR consisted of approximately 795 pages and appendices, including a detailed analysis of impacts in 10 environmental disciplines.

The following sections summarize public involvement opportunities during the CEQA process. A list of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR, the comments received on the Draft EIR, and responses to the comments are provided in Section 3 of this Final EIR.

2.1.1 Draft EIR Distribution

On August 13, 2010, a Notice of Availability / Public Hearings for the Draft EIR was sent to property owners and occupants on or adjacent to the proposed Project. The Notice provided a summary of the proposed Project, included information on how to access the Draft EIR, and presented the date, time, and location of two Public Hearings on the Draft EIR. In addition, public notices were published in the following newspapers:

- the El Segundo Herald on September 9, 2010; and
- the Los Angeles Times on September 5, 2010.

Copies of the Draft EIR were also submitted to the State Clearinghouse for distribution to agencies, and written copies and/or CDs were mailed to agencies, organizations, and members of the public who requested a copy. Additional copies were available at the two Public Hearings held to obtain verbal comments on the Draft EIR.

2.1.2 EIR Information and Repository Sites

Placing the CEQA documents in “repository” sites can be an effective way of providing ongoing information about the project to a large number of people. Two repository sites in or near the proposed Project area were established, and documents were also

available at the CSLC offices in Sacramento and Long Beach and posted online on the CSLC website (www.slc.ca.gov). EIR-related documents including the Draft and Final EIR have been made available to the public at the following locations:

CSLC, Division of Environmental Planning
and Management
100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100-South
Sacramento, CA 95825
(916) 574-1890

El Segundo Public Library
111 W. Mariposa Ave
El Segundo, CA 90245
(310) 524-2722

CSLC, Marine Facilities Division
200 Oceangate, Suite 900
Long Beach, CA 90802
(562) 499-6312

Los Angeles Public Library, Central Branch
630 W. 5th Street
Los Angeles, CA 90071
(213) 228-7000

2.1.3 Public Hearings

Two Public Hearings were held on September 22, 2010, at 3:00 and 6:00 p.m. At these hearings, the public and agencies had the opportunity to ask questions about the EIR and its contents and present oral and/or written testimony on the Draft EIR and its contents. The CSLC decision-making process was also explained at the Public Hearings.

2.2 PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS

In compliance with the CEQA Guidelines, the CSLC provided a public review period of 60 days for the Draft EIR. Specifically, a 45-day public review period from August 16, 2010, to September 30, 2010, initially followed the release of the Draft EIR. Upon request, the CSLC extended the review period by 15 days until October 15, 2010.

The CSLC accepted written comments on the Draft EIR submitted by mail, email, and facsimile transmission and in person at the Public Hearings and to the CSLC Central Files office in Sacramento. A total of 217 comments were received.

The comments received by the CSLC during the public review period and at the Public Hearings are reproduced in this Final EIR along with responses to comments.